



*1 in 6 boys is sexually
abused before the age of 18*

The Children's Assessment Center's mission is to provide a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children and their families and to serve as an advocate for all children in our community. As a collaboration of Harris County Commissioners Court and The Children's Assessment Center Foundation, The CAC represents a true partnership between the public and private sectors for the most effective service delivery to children and families. Located at 2500 Bolsover, the 52,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility was specifically designed to provide an environment that will meet each child's need for warmth, support and protection. The Children's Assessment Center is an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance and part of a national movement to create child-friendly intervention systems for sexually abused children. The vision of The Children's Assessment Center is a greater Houston community in which we heal children who are sexually abused and reduce the number of children who are the victims of sexual abuse through both treatment and the development of strategies for prevention. The Children's Assessment Center was designed with the fundamental belief that not one agency or professional can prevent or treat child sexual abuse alone – a multidisciplinary team approach is necessary. The Children's Assessment Center and its 41 partner agencies will work constantly to learn more about the evolving issue of child sexual abuse and will not hesitate to implement innovative solutions to this problem. Community awareness and prevention are high priorities. The CAC is one of the largest accredited advocacy centers in the nation, serving approximately 5,000 clients annually.



"I love going to The Center and playing in the BIG playroom" - CAC female client



*1 in 4 girls is sexually
abused before the age of 18*



Only 1 in 10 children tell about their abuse

What is a Children's Advocacy Center?

THE PROBLEM - Prior to 1991, a child's outcry of sexual abuse in Harris County didn't necessarily mean the hurt was over. For many young victims, it often meant the beginning of a scary and difficult journey through the adult-minded criminal and civil justice systems. Due to the complex nature of child sexual abuse cases, our systems require the involvement of many different professionals to investigate and provide intervention. Traditionally, each agency or professional had a different role in the investigation, intervention and treatment process. Many times, efforts to fulfill these roles resulted in multiple interviews of the victim and ultimately to the re-victimization of the child. There was no mechanism for coordinating services, information was not shared and efforts were rarely coordinated.

THE SOLUTION - The Children's Assessment Centers provides a safe, child-friendly environment where law enforcement, child protective services, medical and mental health professionals can share information and develop effective, coordinated approaches sensitive to the needs of each child and their family. A unique collaborative public/private partnership, The CAC brings the components of investigation, assessment, prevention and healing together in one child-friendly facility. Using a multidisciplinary approach, we work with our 41 partner agencies to give sexually abused children the psychological and medical attention they need, the safety and security they require and the absolute justice they deserve.

The Children's Assessment Center 2010 Annual Report

Dear Friends and Supporters:

It is my privilege to share with you the 2010 Annual Report for The Children's Assessment Center (CAC). This year you will find that we have created an environmentally-friendly "green" report distributed via e-mail with the added benefit of providing cost savings to our program so that we can better serve children.



For the past nineteen years, The CAC has been committed to our mission to provide a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children and their families and to serve as an advocate for all children in our community. Through our unique public/private partnership with Harris County and our Foundation Board of Directors, The CAC has been able to meet the needs of the sexually abused children in our community by providing them with the best possible care.

Our legislative efforts were successful this year with two meaningful Bills passed in the area of child protection: HB2236 – creates a right to a "speedy trial" for child victims; and HB3751 – requires, as a condition of bond, that the defendant charged with an offense against a child cannot have unsupervised contact with that child. These bills demonstrate another way we continue our commitment to the safety and protection of our children.

In addition, this past year we were proud to host international guests from Australia and Great Britain as well as advocacy programs from Phoenix, Arizona, New York City and Vancouver, Washington. As a result of the generous support from our community, we have created a program to be modeled throughout the world, thereby providing assistance to children far beyond our reach.

We continue to be grateful to our incredible staff, partner agencies, Commissioners Court, our Board of Directors and to you, our donors. Your generous gifts have made our work possible.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Stolte".

Elaine Stolte *Executive Director The Children's Assessment Center*



"I appreciate all the help that you have given me all these months. And for being in court with me and standing behind me 100 percent." CAC male client

CAC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES The CAC's programs are designed to provide a seamless collaboration of agencies to minimize trauma, break the cycle of abuse and create a unified effort. Ultimately, the goal of The CAC is to promote the complete healing of child victims of sexual abuse and their families by providing them with the necessary resources to effectively handle their trauma and then begin to lead normal and productive lives.

The mission is accomplished through:

- Digitally recorded forensic interviews of children's statements, thereby reducing the need for multiple interviews by various entities involved in a child sexual abuse investigation.
- Sexual assault examinations using digital colposcopy, a non-invasive procedure conducted by trained pediatricians.
- Monthly staffings with the Child Sexual Abuse Review Team (CSART) to review and discuss important cases handled by The CAC. The purpose of team review is to improve the systems that respond to cases of child sexual abuse.
- Therapy, psychological and psychiatric services to help child sexual abuse victims and their families heal.
- Expert testimony in civil and criminal court cases.
- Children's services events and a child-friendly playroom where children rest and play while they await services at The CAC.
- Advocacy for children and their families as their cases are processed through the criminal justice system.
- Community outreach and training to heighten awareness and prevention of child sexual abuse.



"Therapy helped me realize that what happened to me and my brother was not our fault. I felt brave that I told my Mom." - CAC male client



*1 in 5 children are solicited
sexually while on the Internet*

COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS The Children's Assessment Center has a formal relationship with the following 41 partner agencies, many of which are co-housed at The CAC. The CAC and its partners are involved in the investigation, legal aspects and delivery services to child sexual abuse victims and their families.

Alief Independent School District Police Department
Baylor College of Medicine/Texas Children's Hospital
Baytown Police Department
Bellaire Police Department
Child Advocates, Inc. / Court Appointed
Special Advocates
Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.
Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.
Deer Park Police Department
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Friendswood Police Department
Harris County Attorney's Office
Harris County District Attorney's Office
Harris County Protective Services for
Children and Adults
Harris County Public Health and
Environmental Services
Harris County Sheriff's Office
Hedwig Village Police Department
Houston Area Women's Center/Children's
Court Services
Houston Independent School District
Police Department
Houston Metro Internet Crimes Against
Children Task Force (ICAC)
Houston Police Department
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Jacinto City Police Department
Jersey Village Police Department
Katy Police Department
Lakeview Police Department
La Porte Police Department
Memorial Hermann Healthcare Systems
Memorial Village Police Department
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The United States Attorney's Office
Southern District of Texas
Tomball Police Department
Webster Police Department
West University Place Police Department

TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED

March 1, 2009- February 28, 2010

Total Number of Children Receiving Services **4540**

Total Number of Adults Receiving Services **336**

Total Clients Receiving Services **4,876**

CAC SERVICES PROVIDED

March 1, 2009- February 28, 2010

Forensic Interviews

3927

Therapy & Psychological
Services - Children*

9636

Therapy & Psychological
Services – Adults*

3075

Medical Services Provided

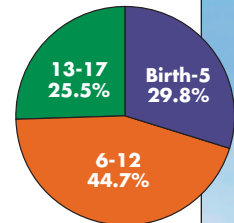
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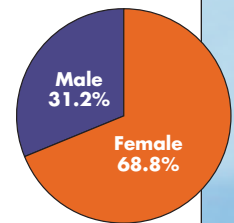
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**Hours of Therapeutic and /or Psychological Services Provided*

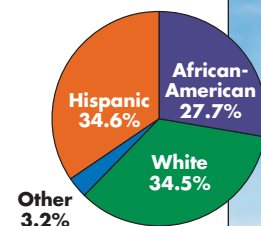
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GENDER



ETHNICITY



*"Thank you for believing me and for all your help.
You've helped me more than you'll ever know." - CAC female client*

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FOR THE PERIOD MARCH 1, 2009 - FEBRUARY 28, 2010

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
SUPPORT AND REVENUE				
<i>Grants & contracts</i>		\$ 983,132		\$ 983,132
<i>Contributions</i>	\$ 209,376	\$ 124,938		\$ 334,314
<i>Fundraising income, net of expense</i>	\$ 145,478			\$ 145,478
<i>Usage fee</i>	\$ 738,916			\$ 738,916
<i>Investment income</i>	\$ 20,845	\$ 3,190		\$ 24,035
<i>Net rental income</i>	\$ 157,828			\$ 157,828
<i>Other Revenue</i>	\$ 96,126	\$ 475		\$ 96,601
<i>Net assets released from restriction</i>	\$ 1,122,740	\$ (1,122,740)		\$ -
Total revenue and other support	\$ 2,491,309	\$ (11,005)	\$ -	\$ 2,480,304

EXPENSES

<i>Support of the Children's Assessment Center</i>	\$ 1,647,269			\$ 1,647,269
<i>Management and General</i>	\$ 114,099			\$ 114,099
<i>Fund Raising</i>	\$ 70,321			\$ 70,321
<i>Total expense</i>	\$ 1,831,689	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,831,689

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 659,620	\$ (11,005)	\$ -	\$ 648,615 *
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<i>Beginning Net Assets</i>	\$ 18,839,046	\$ 1,405,188	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,294,234
<i>Ending Net Assets</i>	\$ 19,498,666	\$ 1,394,183	\$ 50,000	\$ 20,942,849

* The CAC Foundation Board has designated \$900,000 of these net assets for capital expansion.
These are unaudited numbers. A complete audited financial statement is available upon request.



"Thanks for just being nice." - CAC female client



*1 in 2 women in prison state that
they were abused as children*



2009-2010 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THERAPY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES The Children's Assessment Center's Therapy and Psychology Department is proud to report the significant increase in hours for the year 2009.

- 70% increase in client intakes.
- 38% increase in group therapy.
- 33% increase in family therapy.
- 15% increase for individual therapy and psychological services (evaluations & follow up).
- 13% increase in psychiatric services.

TRAINING The Children's Assessment Center conducted 297 trainings (on and off campus) during 2009 including the following: The Children's Assessment Center partnered with the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District; Project Safe Childhood Partners, Southern District of Texas and Houston Metropolitan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force in a training for Law Enforcement personnel in Prevention and Intervention of Internet Child Abuse Cases. One hundred and twenty law enforcement officers and District Attorneys attended this two-day workshop.

OUTREACH The CAC Tip Card is created as an effort to increase social awareness and prevention In an effort to increase social awareness and prevent child sexual abuse within our community, The CAC and Epigram Designs developed and created The CAC Tip Card. The Tip Card lists "10 Signs of Child Abuse" on one side and on the reverse side it gives quick tips on "What To Do" and "What Not To Do" if an individual is in a situation where a child makes an outcry of abuse to them. In 2009, over 10,000 CAC Tip Cards were distributed to our Partner Agencies, mental health professionals, schools and parents.

MEDICAL CLINIC The Children's Assessment Center completed the digital project in the Medical Clinic and Law Enforcement alleged perpetrator Interview Rooms through contributions from the DA's Office and Spindletop Charities This new system records all colposcope examinations directly

onto DVD. Each DVD is then placed into the client's medical records. Simultaneously, the exam is recorded to a file stored on our server. Each exam file is linked to the medical record in the database, creating ease of access that did not previously exist, as well as redundancy to protect against data loss. This project moved the AP interview rooms from stand-alone recording equipment, to a fully digital online process. This new process also allows Law Enforcement personnel to simultaneously record their interviews onto a DVD and to an archived file on our server creating a redundant system which protects against any loss of interview records. This process also gives the DA's office direct and immediate access to view these recorded interviews, even as they occur should that be necessary.

FORENSIC SERVICES Family Advocate Program Launched In July 2009, The CAC introduced the Family Advocate Program, an early intervention model designed to support non-offending caregivers in cases of child sexual abuse. While many caregivers respond in a supportive manner following disclosure, it is commonly noted that parental support can be inconsistent or ambivalent due to parental distress. The Family Advocate Program addresses the needs of the caregiver so that the caregiver is more able to protect and support the child victim.

Participation in the first CACTX Spanish Forensic Interviewing Peer Review in Texas On December 11, 2009, Spanish-speaking interviewers, Claudia Mullin and Tasha Rogers-James participated in the first ever CACTX Spanish-Speaking Peer Review in Austin. The objective was to help bilingual interviewers conduct interviews that are culturally sensitive, linguistically correct and forensically sound. Cultural awareness and education are essential to doing the best job possible for the children and families whose lives have been forever altered by sexual abuse.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES Children's Services Volunteers Show Overwhelming Support of Children's Services Events With the overwhelming support of our volunteers, we were able to host 301 children for our four different Summer Fun activities, and provide 430 children with school supplies. During the Holidays, our wonderful partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Office once again brought enormous smiles to the faces of 500 children. The CAC provided gifts to approximately 1,496 children for the holidays.

"The 'Center' is awesome! Thank you!" CAC female client

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"I have been here at The Children's Assessment Center for about 1 year now. And from my experience with the abuse and coming here and talking has helped me a lot." - CAC male client

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*The Foundation Board meets quarterly and has
2 responsibilities: Fundraising & Advocacy*



*Breaking the Cycle of Abuse
One Child at a Time*



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